

# Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

**Emergency Order No.** 03-08-20

**Issued at:** McGrath, Alaska  
September 29, 2020

**Effective Date:** 12:01 A.M.  
October 1, 2020

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2021  
unless superseded by subsequent  
emergency order

**EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order closes the winter registration hunt (RS380) for sheep located in Game Management Unit 19C.

No other sheep hunting regulations in 19C are affected by this emergency order.

**REGULATION:**

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.055(4), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR SHEEP**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting sheep:

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
(4)		
Unit 19(C)		
RESIDENT HUNTERS:		
1 ram with full-curl horn or larger, by youth hunt only; or	Aug. 1 - Aug. 5	
1 ram with full-curl horn or larger; or	Aug. 10 - Sept. 20	
1 sheep with 3/4-curl horn or less; the take of rams with both horns broken, lambs, or ewes with lambs, is prohibited; by registration permit only	No Open Season	

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 ram with full-curl horn or larger, every 4 regulatory years, by youth hunt only; or		Aug. 1 - Aug. 5
1 ram with full-curl horn or larger, every 4 regulatory years		Aug. 10 - Sept. 20
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All other sheep hunting regulations in Unit 19C are not affected by this emergency order.

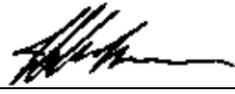
**JUSTIFICATION:**

During Unit 19C surveys in 2019 we found far fewer sheep than in 2017. Data collected during these surveys are used as an index and to determine the composition of the population. Weather this summer was not conducive to conducting another survey to follow up on the low numbers found in 2019. However, the department received widespread reports from guides and hunters in the field this fall indicating drastically lower sheep numbers than they have seen in previous years. These reports of low sheep numbers are also corroborated by surveys in other portions of the Alaska Range conducted by the department this summer. Finally, preliminary sheep harvest for fall 2020 also appears to be much lower than last year, further indication that a population decline has occurred. We will attempt another survey next year.

The RS380 permit allows for the harvest of ewes and young rams and based upon current data this population cannot sustain additional harvest at this time.

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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Area Biologist

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